

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MASON COUNTY
ZOOM MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2021, 11:30 –1:30
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 by Cheryl W.
Attendance: 18 members

A motion was made and approved to add an Advocacy Report to the agenda.

The minutes from the September 21, 2021 Membership Meeting were moved by Amy D. seconded by Lynn B., and approved/submitted.

BOARD REPORTS

President's Report – Lynn B.

Civics' Education Project for the State League – there are 68 public hospital districts; 44 have hospitals. We will get material we can use to educate ourselves and the public. She asked for our thoughts on what we are missing here in Mason County – send to her via chat or e-mail.; then she will submit to the State. Lynn will keep us up-to-date.

Virtual Action Workshops 12/4 and 12/11 will be on environmental and justice issues. There will be good, interesting speakers.

Secretary's Report – Linda S.

There is nothing new to report.

Treasurer's Report – Pat C.

Dues are trickling in – 27 people have paid. The Post Office Box cost went up from \$112 last year to \$134 this year. Our current balance is \$5,319.09. Some people are using Square off the webpage. The payment goes directly to the bank and then to Pat. A credit card needs to be used for a little extra cost. If you paid late last year, you might not owe dues at this time.

Voter Services Committee – Bobbie S. and Cindy S.

"Be A Voter State LWV Campaign"– flyers were distributed from Hoodsport to Squaxin and Harstine Islands, Belfair to Shelton with an enthusiastic response from everyone.

Due to rain, the original date to wave the "Be a Voter" posters made by Cindy has been changed and is set for Saturday, Oct. 30th. Another possible date is Fri. 10/29 if the weather for Saturday looks bad.

Meeting time would be at 4:00 at Kneeland Park. Please e-mail Cindy if you are interested. She will let you know on Friday morning if "it's a go" for that day. She will be wearing her suffrage hat. They need four people to volunteer. Cheryl W. volunteered.

Advocacy – Amy

Many e-mails/newsletters come from various divisions within the League to keep members current and informed on upcoming events and advocacies we can take part in. **This Month in League (TMIL)** is sent out to league members only on the third Friday of each month. It gives us Action Alerts, updates and suggestions on actions to take, as well as information on upcoming events. Sometimes it may concentrate on one area such as redistricting.

The Washington State Voter is sent to members and guests on the first Friday of each month. It highlights what we have been doing and explains issues.

We also get two e-mails – one from the CEO LWV/US Virginia Case, and another from the LWV President Deborah Turner. Right now LWV is marching in Washington .D. C. to push for the **Freedom to Vote Act** which protects voting rights for all individuals. It protects and expands voting rights, curbs gerrymandering, and involves politic big money. It is a call-in campaign for us. We should contact our senators- Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray. <https://www.cantwell.senate.gov>
<https://www.murray.senate.gov>

We have 2700 LWV members in Washington State...21 local chapters, so we have a big voice. Take advantage of the two Action Workshops on 12/4 and 12/11! When Lobby Day starts, we get to advocate for the 35th. We will get the **Washington State Legislative Newsletter** later in January via e-mail.

Program Committee – Amy D. and Lynn B.

On **11/4** there will be a program put on by LWV/ Thurston Co. called **“Let’s Talk”** by **Karen Fraser** which gives people strategies on ways to communicate positively with others on contentious issues. If you are interested, go to the Thurston County Website/Dispute Resolution Center. Members of both the Democrat and Republican parties are part of the program.

11/16 – Zoom General Meeting -There will be a Program on Emergency Preparedness – how to prepare for an emergency at least two weeks in advance. William Baynum will be the speaker. He is the director of Mason County Division of Emergency Management.

Climate Change Committee – Sherri D.

10/26 @ 10:00 – the PUD 3 Commissioners public hearing on the Clean Energy Conservation Plan

10/28 –Planning/Strategy meeting. The meeting time has been changed to 1:00 because of a time conflict for Sherri. This will be a continuous planning/strategy meeting to plan for upcoming projects.

11/11 @1:00 – Heather Trim will be the guest speaker. She is the Executive Director of Zero Waste Washington.. Zero Waste drives policy change for a healthy world. Legislative issues for 2022 will be discussed.

11/18 @ 1:00 – speaker Maya K. van Rossum author of the Green Amendment book – securing our rights to a greener world. She will discuss the nationwide effort to bring the Green Amendment into state constitutions.

Observer Corps – Lynda L.

10/12 – The new public health officer (Terry Gardner) was introduced.

11/9 – there will be a public hearing with the County to discuss on-site sewage regulations for growth management. There are two new clean water appointee – Terry King and Glenn Landrau.

Centennial Committee – Cindy S.

There is nothing new to report.

Nominations for LWVWA Board – 2022 – Cheryl W.

This is a two-year commitment to be on the LWVWA Board. Let Cheryl W. know if we are interested – it would be great to have representation.

PROGRAM “Climate Reality”– Hope Requires Action - LWV/MC Co-President Nancy Snyder.

She discussed specific places throughout the world that have already experienced a climate emergency because of reduced water levels that have made those areas inhospitable or challenging places to live. Cape Town, Phoenix. Lakes Mead and Powell are all areas that have been severely impacted by low water levels. She mentioned that we need to curb the use of fossil fuels by taking action at all levels – local, state, and federal. Nancy discussed how the increased heat in the oceans have impacted fisheries and sea life through acidification and warming.

Nancy discussed some positive things that are happening such as the new energy-efficient and innovative technologies that are helping to replace fossil fuels: wind energy, electric vehicles, improvement of batteries, solar, natural gas.

Upcoming Events

10/26 @ 10:00 – PUD 3 Commissioner public hearing – Clean Energy Conservation Plan

10/28 @ 1:00 – CCC Planning/Strategy Meeting

10/29 @ 4:00 – Sign waving for “Be a Voter Campaign” – Kneeland Park -weather permitting

10/30 @ 11:00 – Railroad and 3rd corner, Shelton - weather permitting

11/4 – “Let’s Talk” Training – Thurston County LWV

11/5 from 12:30 – 2:30 Zoom LW/MC Board Meeting

11/9 – Public Hearing on on-site sewage

11/18 @ 1:00 – CCC Maya K. van Rossum – Green Amendment

11/16 from 11:30 – 1:30 Zoom General Meeting

12/4 and 12/11 – Action Workshops on Justice and the Environment

The meeting adjourned at 1:30.

